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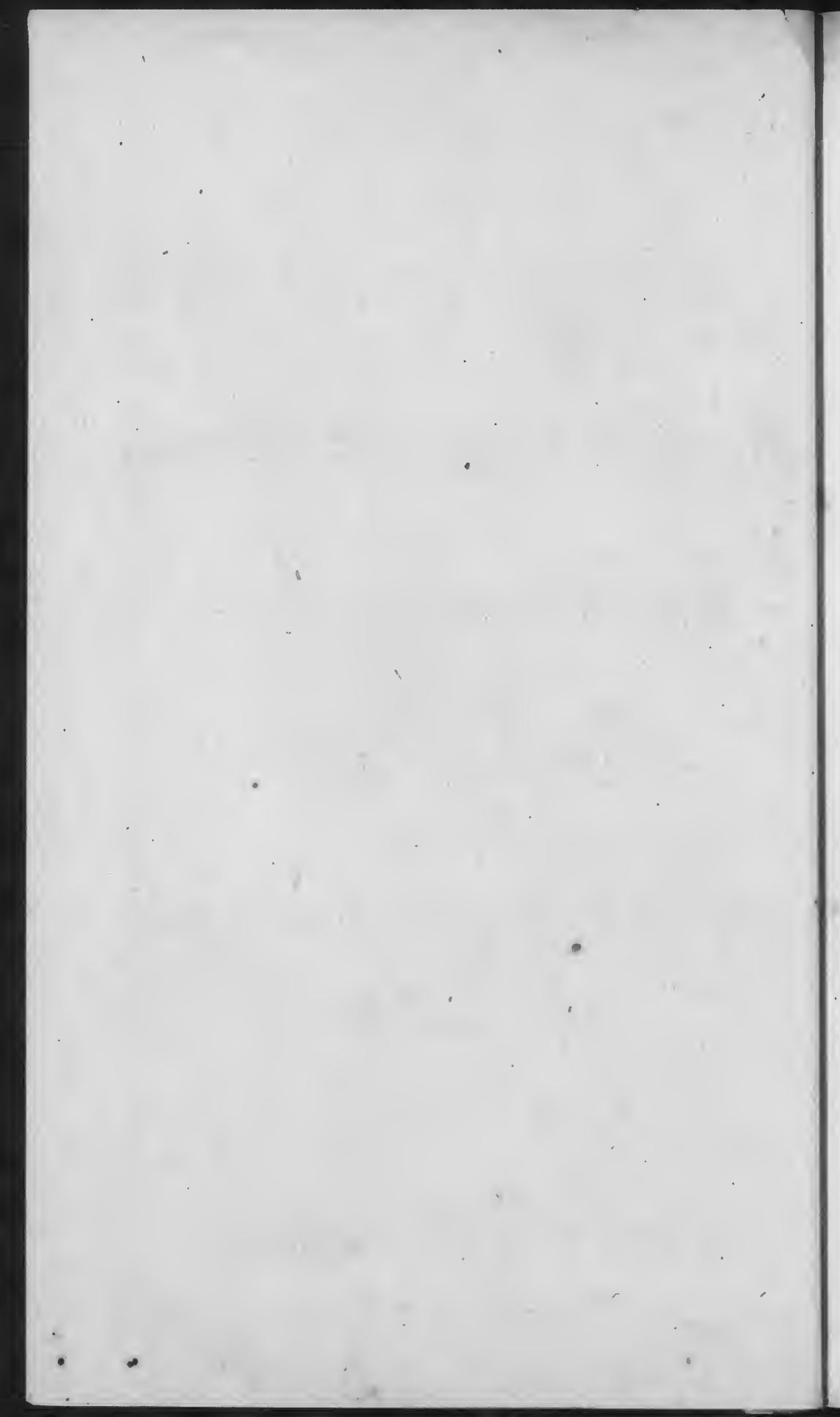
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MARYLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

WEDNESDAY, *March 13*, 1867.

The Thirty-ninth session of this body convened in the West Baltimore Station at 9 o'clock, A. M. The Conference was opened by the President, Dr. J. J. Murray, by reading the 122d Psalm, a selection from the 4th chapter of Philippians, singing the 557th hymn, and prayer.

On motion, the Secretaries were appointed a Committee on Credentials, and the roll was called as follows :

MINISTERS.

Eli Henkle,
Dr. F. Waters,
John R. Nichols,
Dr. A. S. Eversole,
James M. Elderdice,
L. W. Bates,
Alfred Baker,
S. B. Southerland,
H. P. Jordan,
Dr. J. J. Murray,
P. L. Wilson,
D. W. Bates,
Thos. M. Wilson,
John Roberts,
R. S. Norris,
Wm. T. Dunn,
John Morgan,
S. A. Hoblitzell,
J. E. Maloy,
J. L. Mills,

D. E. Reese,
J. K. Nichols,
D. A. Shermer,
David Wilson,
T. D. Valiant,
H. J. Day,
Dr. F. Swentzel,
T. M. Bryan,
Jessee Shreve,
J. A. McFaden,
J. M. Dennis,
J. H. Ellegood,
E. J. Drinkhouse,
J. T. Murray,
Jeremiah Clay,
Thomas Lee,
W. S. Hammond,
W. M. Poisal,
G. W. Simpson,
G. S. Battersby,

John W. Everist,
John Elderdice,
H. C. Cushing,
T. A. Moore,
C. Eversole,
James Thompson,
D. Bowers,
A. D. Dick,
W. G. Holmes,
C. H. Littleton,
Dr. D. F. Ewell,
J. T. Ward,
B. F. Benson,
W. M. Strayer,
Win. W. Reese,
C. T. Cochel,
J. E. T. Ewell,
F. M. Hawkins,
S. T. Graham,
S. T. Furguson,

Henry Nice,
Robert Whinna,
M. E. Hysore,
J. W. Charlton,
J. B. Jones,

J. W. Gray,
Augustus Webster,
J. D. Kinzer,
W. D. Litzinger,
R. S. Rowe,

G. D. Edmondston,
James T. Lassel,
F. E. Read,
A. T. Melvin,
J. M. Holmes.

PROBATIONERS.

T. C. Downes,

Augustus W. Mather,
John E. Darby.

Henry E. Meskimon,

LAY DELEGATES.

Charles S. Simmons,
Samuel Carmack.
H. P. Thomas,
Charles Downes,
John Downey,
Wm. H. Councell,
T. R. Straughn,
Wm. H. Griffith.
Wm. Turpin,
Wm. Dale,
Wm. Whitney,
John Gephart,
J. E. A. Cunningham,
Geo. W. Wilson,
Thomas E. Lloyd.
Geo. W. Bishop,
James Bond,
Fitz James Bartlett,
John J. Smouse,
Granville Herring,
Robt. J. Walker,

Nathaniel Thompson,
Henry Swope,
Wm. H. Todd,
John A. J. Dixon,
John C. Meredith,
Wm. U. Roberts,
Wm. A. Norris,
Michael Baughman,
A. W. Melvin,
John T. Dodd,
T. A. Newman,
Andrew T. Dennis,
B. H. Richardson,
Samuel Titus,
Thomas Fegan,
John H. Windsor,
Jos. S. Scarborough,
Wm. Hawkins,
Richie Fooks,
S. V. Yantes,
James H. Hopkins.

Henry Beeker,
James Bond,
T. Howard Moore,
Arthur Johns,
Wm. Arnold,
A. J. Fairbanks,
Edward S. Grant,
Wm. W. Morgan,
John Coates,
John S. Slater,
James F. Gibson,
John B. Nichols,
Samuel W. Parker,
G. F. Kindley,
W. J. Sudler,
Amos Hobbs,
Asa H. Smith,
Thomas M. Flint,
John W. Gist,
William Ellis,

After fixing the bar of the house the Conference went into the examination of official character.

The President then read his annual report, and his character was passed.

The official character of every member of the Conference was examined, and passed, without objection in any case.

On motion, Conference then adjourned, to meet in the afternoon, at 2½ o'clock,

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. R. S. Rowe.

At 3 o'clock the Conference went into the election of officers under the rule, with the following result:

President—Dr. J. J. Murray.

Standing District Committee—L. J. Cox, L. W. Bates, Dr. F. Waters, J. W. Richardson, Geo. Vickers and B. H. Richardson.

Committee of Appeals—J. R. Nichols, John Elderdice, Dr. A. S. Eversole, James Bond and Wm. Turpin.

Conference Steward—S. A. Hoblitzell.

Missionary Steward—C. H. Littleton.

Superannuated Fund Steward—J. E. Maloy.

Secretary—H. C. Cushing.

Assistant Secretaries—Wm. W. Reese and M. E. Hysore.

A letter was received from Selby & Dulaney, Stationers, No. 332 West Baltimore street, offering to furnish the Conference gratuitously all the stationery needed during its present session; on reading which, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the generous proffer of Messrs. Selby & Dulaney to furnish stationery for the use of the Conference, gratuitously, is accepted, and the thanks of the body are hereby tendered to the gentlemen aforesaid.

During the examination of official character, the name of Rev. Jas. F. Whiteside was called, upon which the Rev. J. R. Nichols responded, announcing his death, and paying an affecting tribute to his memory. He was followed by Reverends John Roberts, J. T. Murray and L. W. Bates, all of whom bore testimony to the piety and usefulness of the deceased.

On motion of J. T. Murray, it was resolved to hold one session a day, Conference to meet at 9 o'clock, spend the first half hour in religious services, and adjourn at 1 o'clock.

The Conference then adjourned with the benediction by the President.

THURSDAY, *March 14th.*

Conference assembled at 9 o'clock. Religious services conducted by Rev. A. D. Dick.

A letter was received from Rev. John Morgan and read to the Conference. It was referred with the case of Brother Morgan to a special committee, L. W. Bates, Dr. D. F. Ewell and Wm. H. Griffith.

On motion the relation of Rev. H. P. Jordan (that of supernumerary) was continued. Rev. J. L. Mills was, on motion, left without an appointment for the ensuing year. The cases of Brothers T. M. Bryan and H. J. Day were referred to the Committee on Superannuated Claimants.

The President of the Conference then announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. *On Unfinished Business*—A. D. Dick, T. R. Straughn, C. L. Simmons.
2. *On Finance*—John Coates, J. E. A. Cunningham.
3. *On Itinerancy and Orders*—D. W. Bates, Wm. S. Hammond, Jeremiah Clay, Wm. H. Todd, F. J. Bartlett.
4. *On Necessities and Requests of Circuits and Stations*—Wm. J. Dale, Henry Becker, Michael Baughman, Nathaniel Thompson, Thos. E. Lloyd, S. W. Parker, Geo. W. Wilson.
5. *On Missions*—L. W. Bates, T. D. Valiant, J. T. Murray, Wm. H. Griffith, Thos. A. Newman, James F. Gibson.
6. *On Publication of Minutes*—H. C. Cushing.
7. *On Pulpit Services*—E. J. Drinkhouse, J. R. Nichols, Daniel Bowers.
8. *On Literature*—J. K. Nichols, J. Thos. Ward, David Wilson, Wm. H. Cuncell, Henry Swope, John H. Windsor.
9. *On Superannuated Claimants*—P. L. Wilson, R. S. Norris, D. A. Shermer, John T. Dodd, Wm. Turpin, John S. Scarborough.

10. *Executive Committee*—D. Evans Reese, S. B. Southerland, John Roberts, B. H. Richardson, John Gephart, A. W. Melvin.

11. *On Obituaries*—E. J. Drinkhouse, R. Scott Norris, S. T. Ferguson, John Growden, Caleb Freeman, Joseph Barnet.

12. *On Statistics*—James Elderdice.

13. *On Collection for Minutes*—R. Whinna, John C. Meredith.

14. *On Sabbath Schools*—Dr. F. Swentzel, J. W. Charlton, W. M. Strayer, Wm. Whitney, James Bond, A. J. Fairbanks.

15. *On Temperance*—D. F. Ewell, Wm. T. Dumm, B. F. Benson, Wm. Arnold, T. Howard Moore, A. T. Dennis.

16. *On Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitation*—F. Waters, D. D., Augustus Webster, D. D., J. W. Everist, Wm. Arnold, E. S. Grant.

Faculty of Instruction—D. Evans Reese, President.

Conference then adjourned with prayer by Rev. John Elderdice.

FRIDAY MORNING, *March 15.*

Conference was opened with religious exercises conducted by Rev. J. B. Jones.

The special committee in the case of Rev. John Morgan presented a report which was received.

Upon calling over the list of circuits and stations, communications were received from East Baltimore Station, Salisbury Circuit and Millsborough Mission; all of which were referred to the Committee on Necessities and requests of Circuits and Stations.

The following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Webster be and he is hereby respectfully requested to furnish the Secretary of this Conference a copy of the sermon delivered at its opening session, and that the Secretary have ——— copies of the same printed in neat pamphlet form for the use of the Conference and friends of the Church.

B. H. RICHARDSON.
WM. W. REESE.

The report of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society was received and read to the Conference by the Secretary. It was subsequently referred to the Committee on Missions.

Rev. J. T. Murray offered a resolution proposing to hold an Electoral College on Monday, the 18th, for the purpose of choosing representatives to the convention in May next, should such convention be held. This resolution was laid on the table and a substitute was presented by the same brother favoring the holding of a convention of the Church in Montgomery, Alabama, in May next. This was, on motion, referred to the following special committee: D. W. Bates, J. T. Murray, S. B. Southerland, B. H. Richardson, and Henry Swope.

The following was presented by Rev. S. B. Southerland, and was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into most *serious* consideration the question of the support of the ministers of this *District* and report to this Conference.

A series of resolutions on the subject of camp meetings was presented by Rev. W. M. Strayer which, on motion, was laid on the table. A substitute for the Conference law on the subject of camp meetings was similarly disposed of. On motion of Dr. Drinkhouse, it was ordered that the ordination of Elders take place in the West Baltimore Station at 11 o'clock, and that of Deacons in the Aisquith street church in the evening.

On motion, Conference adjourned, with benediction by Rev. A. Webster, to meet at 2½ o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. C. Eversole.

The report of the committee in the case of Rev. John Morgan was then taken up and adopted as follows:

That as the name of Rev. John Morgan still remains on our list of members, and as he has never withdrawn from the Conference by certificate, transfer or resignation, therefore he is still a member of this body.

[Signed:]

L. W. BATES,
D. T. EWELL,
WM. H. GRIFFITH,
Committee.

Communications were received from Rev. Geo. Nestor, of the Western Virginia Conference; Rev. Wm. McGee, President of the Virginia Conference, and Rev. Geo. R. Barr, of the same Conference; all of which were read and referred to the Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitation. Conference then adjourned to allow the Superannuated Fund Society to hold its annual meeting.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SUPERANNUATED FUND SOCIETY.

BALTIMORE, *March 15th, 1867.*

Conference resolved itself into the Superannuated Fund Society, Brother D. W. Bates in the Chair, H. Nice, Secretary.

On motion the roll was called, when the sum of \$23 84 was collected.

The Treasurer, Dr. Zollickoffer, reported the sum of \$3,014 50 in the treasury for distribution. Adopted.

On motion, the design presented by Rev. J. T. Murray be accepted and he be authorized to have it executed.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

1st Vice President—Rev. J. Roberts.

2nd Vice President—Rev. David Wilson.

Secretary—H. Nice.

Board of Managers—Rev. J. R. Nichols, Rev. Dr. Drinkhouse, Rev. T. D.

For investment.....	\$2 33
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For distribution.....	23 84
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Valiant, P. E. Kent, J. G. Clark, J. W. Richardson, James Bond, Dr. H. F. Zollickoffer.

HENRY NICE, *Secretary.*

After said meeting, Conference resumed its setting and Rev. John Roberts was called to the Chair, but on motion was again adjourned, with the benediction by Rev. D. Evans Reese.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY MORNING, *March 16th.*

Conference was opened with religious services conducted by Rev. A. T. Melvin.

A quorum not being in attendance, the Secretary, at the request of the President, read some extracts from the rules of order.

Upon calling the list of committees, reports were received as follows: on Unfinished Business, on Itinerancy, on Missions, on Obituaries, and on Orders.

The report No. 1 from the Committee on Missions was adopted as follows:

The Committee on Missions having examined the report of the Treasurer of the Missionary Society find that by said report there is a deficiency of \$1,546 66, and to meet that deficiency we suggest to the Conference that the necessary amount to pay off the missionaries and take up the note in bank be borrowed, and then carried over to the appropriations for the coming year.

L. W. BATES.

The report of the Committee on Itinerancy was then taken up and the first item in reference to Brother Solomon B. Foster was recommitted; item second was deferred until Monday.

The report of the Committee on Orders was adopted as follows: J. D. Kinzer and W. D. Litzinger, for Elders orders; the case of Brother R. S. Rowe was referred to the Conference and was acted on as follows:

Resolved, That the Rev. R. S. Rowe be elected to elders orders, provided he complete the studies recommended by the Conference.

T. D. VALIANT,
L. W. BATES.

Rev. Wm. H. Todd, local deacon from Liberty Circuit was also elected to Elder's orders. Revs. J. M. Holmes and A. T. Melvin were elected to Deacons orders. Rev. J. E. Read was also elected to Deacon's orders when he shall have arrived at the age of twenty-one years.

Revs. Thos. H. Burgess and Wm. A. Crouse, unstationed preachers, were also elected to Deacon's orders.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported a resolution from last year's minutes offered by Rev. J. Clay, (on page 26,) which was negatived. The Committee on Obituaries presented a report in the case of Rev. J. F. Whiteside, deceased, which was adopted and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The committee on Rev. J. T. Murray's resolution, respecting the call of a convention, offered the following report which was adopted:

The Committee to which was referred the resolution of J. T. Murray, relating to the call of a general convention of the church, respectfully report the following:

WHEREAS, The unsettled condition of the country at the time for the meeting of the General Conference subsequent to the one held at Lynchburg, Va., in 1858, prevented the representatives of the greater part of the annual conferences from assembling in a general church council since 1858; and

WHEREAS, The Conferences in the Southern States have been so weakened and discouraged by the disasters incident to the war that they *need the sympathy and encouragement of the more prosperous and influential Conferences; and hoping that a General Convention will, by exhibiting the real strength and purpose of the Church,* have a tendency to build up the waste places of our Zion and *strengthen the bonds of our ecclesiastical organization;* therefore,

Resolved, That the Maryland Annual Conference unite with her sister Annual Conferences in the call of a general convention of the Methodist Protestant Church, be held at Montgomery, Alabama, on the first Tuesday in May, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

DANIEL W. BATES,
S. B. SOUTHERLAND,
B. H. RICHARDSON,
J. T. MURRAY,
HENRY SWOPE.

The Book Directory made its annual report through Rev. T. D. Valiant, which was referred to the Committee on Literature.

Rev. L. W. Bates offered the following:

WHEREAS, Superannuates are subjected to great financial embarrassment for their first year, being necessitated to borrow funds or to purchase on credit, and as this inconvenience would be remedied by paying them in advance; therefore,

Resolved, That each and every superannuate shall receive his apportionment of the funds for the year at the Conference session by which he is placed upon the list.

Resolved 2nd. That the same rule shall apply to widows and orphans.

Resolved 3rd. That the Committee on Superannuated Claimants are requested to observe the fourth rule of the law, as found on page 10 of the minutes of 1864.

Conference adjourned to meet at half past two o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. D. Bowers.

The Committee on Necessities and Requests of Circuits and Stations presented a report which was read by the Secretary and passed upon in the usual way. The item respecting the East Baltimore Station remitting the debt due the Conference by said station was adopted. On motion, the item respecting Alexandria Station was referred to the Committee on Missions. The name of West Baltimore Circuit was changed to Finksburg Circuit. That part of the report respecting Starr Church and Lexington Mission severing the connection between the same was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants was received and laid over under the rule.

The resolutions referring to Superannuates offered by Rev. L. W. Bates during the morning session was, on motion, referred to a committee to be reported on at the next Conference.

The vote was then taken to determine the place and time of holding the next Conference which resulted in the selection of East Baltimore Station as the place, and the second Wednesday in March, 1868, as the time. A paper on missionary collections was presented by Rev. D. A. Shermer and referred to the Committee on Missions.

At the request of Rev. J. T. Murray, it was ordered that a committee of five be appointed to confer with him upon the propriety of issuing a call for the assembling of a general convention of the church in Montgomery, Alabama, in May next. Committee appointed: J. K. Nichols, L. W. Bates, D. E. Reese, B. H. Richardson and A. T. Melvin.

Conference then adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

FIFTH DAY, MONDAY MORNING, *March 18.*

Conference opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. M. E. Hysore.

Reports on Temperance and Statistics were then presented.

The case of Bro. John Watts, a candidate for the Itinerancy, was then taken up and, on motion, it was resolved to leave him in the hands of the President.

The request of Rev. F. M. Hawkins to be left without an appointment was granted.

The following report on the subject of Temperance was then taken up, read and adopted :

Your Committee have had under consideration the important subject committed to them, and beg leave to report the following resolutions :

1st. That we view with alarm the fearful increase of intemperance, and the sad inroads it is making on the morals of the country and the peace and happiness of communities.

2nd. That we enter our solemn protest against the use of ardent spirits as a beverage and all traffic in it, except for medicinal purposes.

3rd. That we express our deep abhorrence of intemperance as a vice, and that it is our duty to make unceasing and vigorous efforts in the use of all proper means to suppress it.

D. F. EWELL,
B. F. BENSON,
WM. T. DUMM,
ANDREW T. DENNIS,
WILLIAM ARNOLD.
T. HOWARD MOORE.

The report of J. M. Elderdice, Committee on Statistics, was read and, after some few corrections, adopted. It may be found at the close of the minutes.

On motion of Rev. W. S. Hammond, a committee was appointed on the President's Annual Report: Reverends Wm. S. Hammond, J. Shreeve and D. Bowers.

A letter was received from Rev. J. M. Denuis requesting a continuance of his present relation (that of supernumerary) to the Conference, which was granted.

The President announced the committee on Rev. L. W. Bates' resolutions on the pre-payment of Superannuates, as follows: Dr. A. Webster, A. S. Eversole, J. W. Everist, John Gephart and Wm. Whitney.

The Conference then adjourned, for the purpose of allowing the Electoral College to organize for the selection of delegates to the Convention.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The tellers of the votes taken in the morning session of the Convention having retired to count the votes, the Conference resumed its session.

A communication was received from Rev. A. Baker, giving a report of his mission, and requesting to be left without an appointment, which was granted.

A communication was also received from Professor F. R. Buell, in reference to the conditions on which he would unite the Western Maryland College, now in course of erection at Westminster, with the Maryland Annual Conference.

On motion, the communication was referred to the Committee on Literature.

On motion of Rev. D. W. Bates, a committee was appointed on Appropriations to Deficient Ministers. D. W. Bates, D. A. Shermer and T. D. Valiant, committee.

The Conference then took a recess, for the purpose of allowing the Missionary Society to hold its annual session, and afterwards adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

On Monday afternoon, March 18th, 1867, the Conference resolved itself into the Home Missionary Society.

Rev. P. Light Wilson, the President, in the chair, called the Society to order, with Rev. M. E. Hysore as Secretary.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. Theo. D. Valiant:

“*Resolved*, That the Missionary Board be authorized to secure a new engraving for certificate of life membership in this Society”—which resolution was adopted by the Society.

The collection realized from the preachers and lay delegates amounted to \$49.50.

The Society proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the selection of the following officers:

President—Rev. T. D. Valiant.

1st Vice President—Rev. Daniel Bowers.

2nd Vice President—Rev. Dr. D. F. Ewell.

Secretary—Rev. James C. Stewart.

Board of Managers—P. Light Wilson, J. E. A. Cunningham, James Bond, H. T. Gernhart, George Frame, E. C. Thomas, T. D. Valiant and the Superintendent of Washington Street Station, Baltimore, Md., Luther J. Cox, Jr., *Treasurer of the Board*.

T. D. VALIANT, *President*.

JAMES C. STEWART, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY MORNING, *March 19.*

Conference was opened with religious services by Rev. John E. Darby.

Rev. A. M. Lowe, of the North Carolina Conference, was introduced by the President, and proceeded to address the body, by giving expression to the fraternal regards of himself and the Conference of which he is a member. He was responded to by the President and Rev. S. B. Southerland in appropriate terms.

On motion, the rules were suspended to take up the case of Bro. S. B. Foster, from the report of the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders. This case, by vote of the Conference, was referred to the President.

The report of the Committee on Superannuated Claimants

was then taken up and adopted. [See report at the end of the Minutes.]

Report No. 2 from the Committee on Missions was acted on as follows :

First resolution adopted :

WHEREAS, the Missionary interests of our Church demand more efficient and systematic measures to secure future success and enlarged prosperity, therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That this Conference require the Superintendents and Assistants to use their utmost endeavors, by personal appeals and otherwise, to secure the sum of one dollar from each and every member of their respective charges.

Resolutions 2 and 3 were laid on the table; the remainder of the report was adopted.

Resolved, 4th, That we recommend to every Methodist Protestant family, in view of the moral cultivation of their children, and the eliciting of interest in the welfare of the Church of their Divine Redeemer, that a Missionary box be introduced into each family to receive their weekly contributions for this especial object.

Resolved, 5th, That, in addition to the foregoing measures, the public collection for Missions prescribed by Conference be taken up, and that an effort be made to secure contributions for life memberships in the Parent Society.

Resolved, 6th, That Rev. Theodore D. Valiant be appointed Missionary Agent for the Conference, to serve as may be convenient to him, in setting before our Churches the claims of our Home Missions, and collecting funds for the same, and that he be allowed such compensation for his services as the Board of Missions may deem proper to appropriate.

L. W. BATES.

Rev. J. Roberts offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Conference, on re-assembling in the afternoon session, resolve itself into the Electoral College, and that it shall resume when the ballot is taken until the tellers, who shall retire to count the votes, shall be ready to report, when the College shall again resume; and thus the College and Conference shall alternate their sittings, until the vote is complete, without any formal action of either.

Conference then adjourned, to meet again at half-past 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference was opened with singing and prayer, by Rev. C. H. Littleton.

A communication was received from Rev. T. M. Wilson, which was read to the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Literature was received, and subsequently adopted, as follows :

The Committee on Literature to which were referred the report of the Book Directory and other papers, beg leave respectfully to report :

1. In reference to the report of the Book Directory, we deeply regret the embarrassed condition of the concern, and, with the Directory, we deplore the necessity of dispensing with the valuable services of the present editor, Rev J. T. Murray, which have given universal satisfaction to the Church and to the patrons of the paper. Nevertheless, under the circumstances, we feel it our duty to recommend the adoption by the Conference of the suggestion contained in the second resolution of the report of the Directory, namely :

That an Editorial Committee be selected from the pastors of the city, to whom shall be entrusted the duties and responsibilities of editing the paper for the ensuing year.

We would further recommend that, in all other respects, the management of the concern be left to the judgment of the Directory itself.

We would further recommend that the members of Conference pledge themselves to put forth renewed exertions to increase the circulation of the paper.

2. In reference to the communication of Prof. F. R. Buell, the Committee would state that, in addition to it, they had also the personal presence of Brother Buell, who explained to them what he is willing to do in regard to connecting the Western Maryland College with the Church, viz :

He tenders to the Maryland Annual Conference a general supervisory control of the institution, by the annual appointment on their part of a Board of Directors to assist him in securing suitable instructors, and in the proper management of the institution.

The Committee considering this a most favorable opportunity for the securement of the advantages of an institution for the education of the sons and daughters of the members and friends of our Church, and regarding Brother Buell's offer as a very generous one, inasmuch as he does not ask the assumption of any pecuniary responsibility on the part of the Church, do not hesitate to recommend its immediate acceptance by the Maryland Annual Conference.

The Committee would further recommend that some plan be adopted to raise as soon as possible a fund of not less than \$10,000, the interest of which shall be applied to the education in whole or in part of such pious young men as may be

contemplating entering upon the active duties of the ministry in the M. P. Church, the said fund to be secured in perpetuity by legal claim upon the college buildings.

In case the Conference should adopt the above items, the Committee further recommend that each member of the Conference use his utmost endeavors to aid in raising money for the educational fund, and also to secure at least one pupil from each circuit and station to enter the institution at its opening term in September next, and report the result of his efforts to Brother Buell at as early a period as possible.

Finally, the Committee would ask the attention of Conference to a series of resolutions herewith submitted, which were unanimously adopted by the Quarterly Conference of Pipe Creek Circuit.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. K. NICHOLS,
J. T. WARD,
WM. H. COUNCELL,
DAVID WILSON,
HENRY SWOPE,

Committee.

On motion the rules were suspended to allow the delegates from Howard Circuit to present the following paper, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Howard Circuit be divided so that Union Chapel, Jennings' Chapel, Mt. Carmel, Brookeville, Linthicum Chapel, and All Saints' appointments shall constitute Howard Circuit with two ministers, and that Ridgeville, Mount Pleasant and Lisbon appointments be added to Montgomery Mission.

J. H. WINDSOR,
A. DONALDSON,

Delegates.

The report of the Committee on the President's annual communication was received and adopted. It reads as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the President's communication, having examined that document, beg leave to report the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st. That all Superintendents, Missionaries, Building Committees and all other persons interested should see that no buildings for church or parsonage purposes, involving the expenditure of money, shall be commenced until the lot on which it is proposed to erect such building shall have been secured to trustees regularly appointed, in accordance with the law of the Church, by a proper deed.

Resolved 2nd. That Brother Philip E. Kent be continued as the agent of collections for furnishing the President's parsonage, and that the names of Superintendents be called that they may report whether or not they have attended to the collection of the money assessed for this purpose.

Resolved 3rd. That in view of the insufficient supply of ministers in our work, this Conference set apart the first Sabbath of June to be observed as a day of special prayer to God, that he may send forth more laborers into His vineyard, and that our ministers be requested to preach special sermons upon this subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. S. HAMMOND,
JESSE SHREEVE,
DANIEL BOWERS.

The Superannuated Fund Steward presented his report, which was adopted. [See close of the Minutes.]

The Committee on Appropriations to Deficient Ministers made the following report, which was adopted :

In the case of Rev. Wm. T. Dumm, that he be allowed for traveling expenses \$60.25; disciplinary allowance for himself, wife and three children, \$550.00; for horse-feed \$40.00; for table supplies, \$250.00; for fuel, \$25.00—Total, \$925.25.

D. W. BATES,
D. A. SHERMER,
T. D. VALIANT.

Rev. D. Bowers presented a series of resolutions, proposing to release the President from the duty of traveling through the district and visiting all the circuits and stations, and making him, for the present year, editor of the Methodist Protestant.

On motion, the consideration of this paper was made the order of the day for 8 o'clock.

Conference then adjourned, to meet again at half-past 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION

Opened by Rev. B. F. Benson.

The order of the day was then taken up, and discussed until the hour of adjournment, without coming to a vote.

Conference adjourned with doxology, and benediction by Dr. Webster.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, *March 20th.*

Conference was opened with religious services by Rev. G. W. Simpson.

The Committee on Ministerial Support made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred a paper signed by a number of the members of Conference on the subject of ministerial support, beg leave to submit the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, Many of the ministers of this Conference are greatly embarrassed and discouraged by reason of the inadequate support given them since the war by the churches they have served, and which embarrassment and discouragement it is seriously feared, if no change takes place, may culminate in the enforced withdrawal from the Conference of some of its most experienced and best qualified ministers; Therefore,

Resolved by the Maryland Annual Conference: 1st. That all our charges are hereby most affectionately and earnestly exhorted that in fixing the salaries of their pastors, they take into consideration the advance in the cost of every article consumed by families, and make allowance accordingly.

Resolved 2nd. That we suggest to our churches, that as it is now, many of our ministers pay more to the support of the church than most of the members of the charges which they serve; but that, in the nature of things, this, if continued to be exacted of our ministers, will unavoidably, occasion their loss at no distant day, to the effective itinerant ranks.

Resolved 3rd. That each of our superintendents is hereby urged to present this paper to the first quarterly Conference of his circuit, station, or mission, and urge a corresponding action in the premises.

JACOB WALKER, *Chairman.*

WM. TURPIN,

HENRY BECKER,

D. EVANS REESE,

S. B. SOUTHERLAND.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported the following paper which was adopted:

Your committee have experienced some difficulty in devising a plan to create an interest in our churches, corresponding with the importance of the work. Various resolutions for years have been adopted by the Conference, but, so far as we can learn, have resulted in no special or practical good. While other interests of the church are commanding attention, our schools must not be overlooked, in view of their important relation to the church, designed to instruct our children in the

knowledge of the Scriptures—to bring them in early life to Jesus, and thus giving promise of usefulness and efficiency in the household of faith.

In furtherance of this object, your committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved 1st, That a Sabbath School Convention be held at the next session of our Annual Conference, on the evening of the second Wednesday in March.

Resolved 2nd, That each ministerial and lay member of the Conference, and the superintendents of our Sabbath schools shall be entitled, each, to a seat in said Convention.

Resolved 3rd, That an Executive Committee of four ministers and three laymen be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to make the requisite arrangements, due notice of which shall be given in the Protestant not later than the month of January.

Resolved 4th, That our representatives to the next general Conference be requested to call the attention of that body to the interests of our Sabbath schools, so as to bring them into a more intimate and official relation with the church, and any additional legislation that may tend to promote its usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

F. SWENTZEL, *Chairman*,
W. WHITNEY,
A. J. FAIRBANK,
J. W. CHARLTON,
W. M. STRAYER.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders presented the following report, which was adopted :

We recommend the Rev. Jackson Day, a preacher from Frederick Circuit, for *Deacon's orders*.

D. W. BATES,
W. S. HAMMOND,
J. CLAY,
T. J. BARTLETT.

The Committee on Ecclesiastical Communications and Visitation made a report as follows, which was adopted :

The Committee on Correspondence and Ecclesiastical Visitations beg leave to submit the following report: That they have had before them three letters—one from the Rev. William McGee, President of the Virginia Annual Conference; one from the Rev. George R. Barr, of the same Conference; and one from the Rev. George Nestor, of West Virginia Conference. Both Bro. Barr and Bro. Nestor, with other brethren, were elected fraternal messengers from their respective Conferences to this session of the Maryland Annual Conference, and desired very much to be present with us, but circumstances beyond their control have necessarily prevented their attendance.

Bro. McGee, in his letter, makes a strong appeal to our Conference for ministerial help, and earnestly desires that we will furnish a brother, under the emergency just now upon them, to take charge of the Lynchburg station. This request we commend to the favorable notice of our Conference, in case the accommodation can be granted consistently with the necessities and claims of the Maryland District.

All these letters are written in the best spirit, and refer with great respect to the pleasure afforded their late Annual Conferences by the presence of the fraternal messengers sent from this body, with the sincere hope expressed that a similar appointment will be made with reference to their next annual sessions. This we also commend to the respectful consideration of our Conference, and that a reply, couched in appropriate terms, be duly made to each of these brethren, by order of the Conference.

F. WATERS.

The following by Rev. J. W. Everist was adopted.

Resolved, That Dr. F. Waters be appointed a committee to correspond with the brethren from Virginia and West Virginia Conferences, to return the assurance of our sympathies and affectionate regards for those brethren and the Conferences they represent.

The following, by Rev. John Elderdice, was adopted:

Resolved, In the judgment of this Conference, that the funds collected for the relief of deficient ministers and preachers should be distributed amongst the claimants, in accordance with the provisions of discipline page 68.

The paper offered by Brother Bowers, laid over from last night, was then taken up and discussed at length.

At the request of the mover the paper was allowed to be withdrawn.

A paper was read and presented to the Conference by Rev. J. R. Nichols, proposing to give certain instructions to the representatives of this Conference to the general convention. It was, at the instance of the mover, laid over until the afternoon session.

A paper was presented by Rev. J. K. Nichols appointing a Board of Directors for the Western Maryland College, which was adopted, as follows:

WHEREAS, This Conference has accepted the proposal of Prof. F. R. Buell to take the supervisory control of the Western Maryland College by the appointment of a Board of Directors to assist him in the selection of suitable instructors and in the management of said institution; Therefore,

Resolved, That the said Board shall consist of six ministers and six laymen, and that the Conference now proceed to name those who shall constitute said Board for the ensuing year.

J. K. NICHOLS,

J. T. WARD.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Rev. A. Webster, D. D.,

" J. J. Murray, D. D.,

" R. S. Norris,

" P. L. Wilson,

" D. Bowers,

" J. T. Ward,

John Smith, Esq.,

Michael Baughman, Esq.,

J. W. Herring, M. D.,

A. Zollickoffer, Esq.,

John S. Repp, Esq.,

Samuel McKinsely, Esq.

The following resolution, in view of the fact that Sister Schull's name was accidentally overlooked in the distribution, was adopted :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Superannuated Fund Society be, and he is hereby authorized to pay from the funds to accrue for distribution at the next Conference, the proportion of money now due on the claim of Sister Schull.

JOHN ROBERTS.

Your committee appointed on collection for minutes beg leave to report that they have collected \$82.75.

R. WHINNA,
JOHN A. J. DIXON. } *Committee.*

Conference then adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Webster.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, *March 20th.*

Conference opened with singing and prayer by Rev. J. B. Jones.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

On motion, a committee of five was appointed to fix and apportion the President's salary. [See report at the close of the minutes.]

The committee consists of J. K. Nichols, David Wilson, Wm. S. Hammond, T. A. Newman and Wm. H. Griffith.

The vote by which Howard Circuit was divided on yesterday was, on motion, reconsidered, and the following was adopted in its stead :

Resolved, That Howard Chapel and Brandenburg's School-house appointments, of Montgomery mission, be connected with Howard Circuit, and that Linthicum Chapel and All Saints be disconnected from Howard Circuit, constituting a circuit to be called Clarksville Circuit.

The names of Superintendents of Delinquent Charges were called to ascertain who had taken up the collection for the President's parsonage, and the order for taking up the collection for the parsonage was continued for the present year.

Committee on Jefferson Circuit Benevolent Society reported as follows :

The Committee to whom was referred the case of the Jefferson Circuit Benevolent Society in regard to the transfer of the funds of said society to the Home Missionary Society of the Maryland A. Conference, beg leave to report that from the testimony before them in regard to said transfer, it cannot legally be done, and would expose the fund in question to litigation, which might result in the loss of the whole amount. The Committee therefore beg leave to be discharged.

P. L. WILSON,
D. SHERMER,
WM. H. TODD.

A paper was received from Pipe Creek Circuit in reference to the Presidents's salary, and, on motion, it was referred to a committee of five, which reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the paper from the Quarterly Conference of Pipe Creek Circuit, appreciating the motives and intention of the Quarterly Conference, beg leave to report that after carefully examining the paper, with the information received from the delegate, believe the Quarterly Conference was under a misapprehension in regard to the amount necessary for the comfortable support of the President of the Conference.

P. L. WILSON,
WM. S. HAMMOND,
M. BAUGHMAN,
J. T. DODD,
J. E. A. CUNNINGHAM.

The following resolutions on the Sabbath were offered by Rev. Thomas Lee, and adopted :

Viewing with deep sorrow the alarming extent to which the Sabbath is desecrated by the great bulk of our population, and fearing, also, that many Christian professors hold lax opinions respecting the obligations of the Sabbath,

Resolved, That this Conference, with affectionate earnestness, calls upon our people, and our ministers especially, to arrest, by exhortation and example, the progress of an evil which threatens to corrupt our churches, to diminish our congregations, to prove a mighty barrier to the success of the Gospel, to debase our national character, and to bring upon our land the most fearful retribution of the Almighty.

THOMAS LEE,
JOHN ELDERDICE.

The paper offered by Rev. J. R. Nichols in the morning was, by vote of the Conference, referred to the Maryland delegation.

A resolution offered by Rev. D. Wilson, in reference to preserving the unity and integrity of the Church, was also referred to the representatives from the Maryland District.

On motion, the item in the report of the Committee on Literature adopted on yesterday, providing for the raising of an Educational Fund of \$10,000 in connection with the Western Maryland College, was referred to the next Annual Conference.

Conference then adjourned, to meet to-night at 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION, *March 20th.*

Conference opened with religious exercises by Rev. C. T. Cochel.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Paper from Pipe Creek was adopted; also,

The report of the Committee on the President's Salary was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Missions was then taken up and acted on, as follows :

For payment of outstanding note already ordered to be carried into appropriation for the coming year..... \$ 143 85

Newark Mission continued without appropriation.

Broadway..... 800 00

Potomac..... 300 00

Cumberland..... 200 00

Choptank..... 500 00

Harper's Ferry.....	250 00
The request of Salisbury Circuit to be made a mission be granted with an appropriation of.....	200 00
East Washington.....	400 00
Kent Island.....	200 00
Montgomery Mission to be embraced in Howard Circuit.	
Millsborough, referred to the President.	
Delaware, if two preachers be sent.....	200 00
West Washington placed under the fostering care of Georgetown Sta- tion, without appropriation	
Williamsport and Berkeley.....	100 00
Tiaskin.....	100 00
Frederick Mission and Jefferson Circuit commended to the care of the Jefferson Benevolent Society.	
Lexington Street, Baltimore.....	1,000 00
Towsontown to remain in Baltimore Circuit.	

Conference then adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING, *March 21st.*

Conference opened with religious services by Rev. R. S. Rowe.

On motion the report of Brother P. E. Kent, with vouchers, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Conference Steward then made his report, which see at close of the minutes, with an explanation adopted by the Conference.

The following resolution, intended for the guidance of the Conference Steward, was adopted:

Resolved. That in all cases where married ministers have to pay house rent, such rent shall be deducted out of the allowance of said charge to said minister.

D. W. BATES,
D. A. SHERMER.

The resolution adopted last year requiring ministers to report a proper rental on parsonage was received.

The report of the Committee on Missions was amended by making Alexandria Station a mission with an appropriation of \$500 00.

The Committee on Finance reported on the statement and vouchers of Brother P. E. Kent, that said accounts are correct and that Brother Kent be continued as Committee on President's parsonage with the thanks of the Conference.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Ministerial Support, preamble and resolutions already adopted, be published in the *Methodist Protestant* the week after the adjournment of Conference for use of ministers and delegates.

D. A. SHERMER,
D. W. BATES.

A resolution was offered by Rev. Thomas Lee, making it the duty of the President to appoint ministers to woods meetings, when such meetings are held, instead of camp meetings.

The business before the house was suspended to give place to the following:

Resolved, That this Conference authorize the Missionary Board to borrow \$1,500 as early as practicable, for the benefit of our Missionaries.

W. S. HAMMOND,
D. W. BATES.

The fact of the decease of Sister Maddux was made known to the Conference, and, on motion, the portion of funds appropriated to her was ordered to be paid to Sister Schull, and the act of this Conference authorizing the Treasurer of the Superannuated Fund to pay Sister Schull out of next year's appropriations, was rescinded.

Bro. Lee's resolution was again taken up and discussed.

On motion, the business before the house was again suspended, and the following motions were made and carried:

That Dr. F. Waters be left without an appointment, at his own request.

That the name of Union Circuit, Maryland, be changed to Laurel.

That the report of the Committee on Missions be reconsidered and so amended as to reduce the appropriation of East

Washington Mission by \$100, and the same be added to Salisbury Mission.

On motion, the report of the Committee on President's Salary was reconsidered and recommitted.

The following substitute on Bro. Lee's resolution was offered by Dr. D. F. Ewell and adopted:

Resolved, That those meetings which are known as woods meetings be and they are hereby classed with camp meetings to be subject to the same regulations of Conference in every respect.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the families of this city for their generous entertainment of its members, and that we carry with us to our homes a high appreciation of their kindness, with the prayer that God's blessing may remain with them.

J. A. McFADEN,
W. M. STRAYER.

The following paper was adopted:

Resolved, That having recently read with pleasure, a work in pamphlet form entitled "Water Baptism Explained," by Rev. A. Webster, D. D.; we regard said work as an able and satisfactory exposition of the doctrine in hand, and request our ministers and preachers to employ efforts for its circulation among our people.

R. S. NORRIS,
D. BOWERS.

The Committee on President's salary again reported and after some amendments the report was adopted.

Conference then adjourned with doxology and benediction by Rev. T. D. Valiant.

AFTERNOON SESSION, *March 21st.*

Conference was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. W. M. Strayer.

Minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

The Rev. J. B. Jones, on the part of the Conference, presented the Secretaries, Revs. H. C. Cushing, Wm. W. Reese and M. E. Hysore, with a gold pen and pencil each, in a neat and appropriate speech.

The Secretaries responded, expressing their thanks, and engaging to use the gift in the promulgation of truth and religion.

Rev. H. Nice offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks of this Conference be and is hereby tendered to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company and the Individual Enterprise Steamboat Company, for return tickets free on their lines of travel.

The following by D. A. Shermer and J. R. Nichols was adopted by a solemn rising vote:

WHEREAS, the present session of our Conference (notwithstanding subjects of great interest have claimed our attention) has been characterized by its usual harmony and fraternal affection—

Resolved, therefore, That we hereby express our devout gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the peaceful influence of his gracious spirit thus vouchsafed to us.

2nd. *Resolved*, That as matters of great importance to the Church will claim the attention of the approaching Convention, we will unite most earnestly in invoking for the members thereof the guidance of the Divine Spirit, and that the Sabbath before the assembling of the Convention be set apart as a season of special prayer in its behalf.

D. A. SHERMER,
J. R. NICHOLS.

The President, Dr. J. J. Murray, addressed the Conference in encouraging terms, and then announced the following

PLAN OF APPOINTMENTS.

President—John J. Murray, D. D.

STATIONS.

East Baltimore—Daniel Bowers.
West Baltimore—Edward J. Drinkhouse,
Theodore D. Valiant.
South Baltimore—William M. Poisal,
Hanson P. Jordan, supernumerary.
Washington Street—Jesse Shreeve.
Starr Church—John R. Nichols.
Georgetown—David A. Shermer.
Ninth Street, Washington—D. Evans
Reese.
Salem, Philadelphia—Abraham D. Dick.

CIRCUITS.

Anne Arundel—Charles H. Littleton.
Belair—James K. Nichols, George D.
Edmundston.

Baltimore—Henry Nice, one to be supplied.
Clarksville—Wm. W. Reese.
Finksburg—Charles T. Cochel, one to be supplied.
Bedford—James Thompson.
Caroline—James H. Ellegood, one to be supplied.
Cecil—James M. Elderdice, Thomas C. Downes.
Cambridge—John Elderdice.
Carlisle—unsupplied.
Concord—John M. Holmes.
Chesapeake—James E. Maloy.
Dorchester—James T. Lassell.
Frederick—John Roberts, John E. Darby.
Harmony—George S. Battersby.

Howard—David Wilson, James C. Stewart.
 Jefferson Circuit and Frederick Mission—Wm. S. Hammond, John E. Read.
 Kent—J. Thomas Murray, Milton F. Hysore.
 Laurel—Webster M. Strayer.
 Liberty—Daniel Webster Bates.
 Newtown—R. Semple Rowe, Alfred T. Melvin.
 New Market—Robert Whinna.
 Pipe Creek—R. Scott Norris, J. Thomas Ward, Supernumerary.
 Prince William—Under care of Samuel T. Furguson, of the churches in Alexandria and the District of Columbia.
 Queen Anne's—Henry C. Cushing, Augustus W. Mather.
 Snow Hill—John D. Kinzer.
 Severn—Wm. D. Litsinger.
 Sussex—William G. Holmes, Thomas A. Moore Supernumerary.
 Susquehanna—Thomas Lee.
 Talbot—Lawrence W. Bates, Henry E. Miskimmon, one to be supplied.
 Union, Pennsylvania—Unsupplied.
 Warwick—Daniel F. Ewell.
 Worcester—Abraham S. Eversole, John M. Dennis Supernumerary.

MISSIONS.

Alexandria—John B. Jones.
 Broadway—P. Light Wilson.
 Cumberland—James W. Gray.
 Choptank—Benjamin F. Benson.
 Delaware—John E. T. Ewell, John Watts.
 East Washington—John W. Charlton.
 Frederick Avenue—Unsupplied.
 Harper's Ferry—Jeremiah Clay.
 Kent Island—Samuel T. Graham.
 Lexington Street—Silas B. Southerland.
 Millsborough—Thomas H. Burgess.
 Newark—Frederick Swentzell, M. D.
 Potomac—Solomon H. Hoblitzell.
 Salisbury—W. T. Dumm.
 Tiaskin—Isaac T. Atkins.
 Williamsport and Berkeley—William T. Crouse.
 Left without appointments at their own request—Francis Waters, D. D., Augustus Webster, D. D., John W. Everist, Joseph L. Mills, George W. Simson, Francis M. Hawkins.
 Missionary Agent—Thodore D. Valiant.
 Superannuated—Eli Henkle, Thomas M. Wilson, Joseph A. McFaden, Hamilton J. Day, Thomas M. Bryan, Christian Eversole, John Morgan.
 Left to the disposal of the President—Solomon B. Foster.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

BALTIMORE, MD., *March 17th*

On motion, Conference resolved itself into an Electoral College, to elect delegates to the Convention to sit in Montgomery, Ala.

On motion, Rev. Augustus Webster, D. D., was called to the Chair, and Rev. David Wilson appointed Secretary.

Rev. Luther J. Cox offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the ministerial delegates now to be elected to the General Convention be taken from the itinerant and unstationed ranks in fair proportions.

On motion of Rev. S. B. Southerland, the motion was laid on the table.

Revs. John Elderdice, S. T. Furguson, and Bros. Wm. Arnold and Michael Baughman were appointed tellers.

The following unstationed ministers appeared and were recognized as members of the Electoral College:

East Baltimore—Revs. L. J. Cox, Sr., W. F. Livingston, Gabriel Moore, Dr. Jno. H. Owings, Wm. Dale, W. A. Crouse, Isaac Adkins, T. H. Burgess and Oliver Cox.

On motion of Rev. J. T. Murray, J. W. Charlton and Wm. D. Litzinger were appointed Assistant Secretaries.

After several successive ballotings, the following brethren were duly elected Delegates to the Convention to sit in Montgomery, Ala., in May next.

Ministerial—Revs. John J. Murray, D. D., Lawrence W. Bates, S. B. Southerland, James K. Nichols, P. Light Wilson, H. F. Zollickoffer, John Roberts, D. Evans Reese and W. C. Lipscomb.

Lay—B. H. Richardson, T. A. Newman, W. D. Massey, John Coates, Artemus Donelson, William Turpin, Richard Thomas, William H. Wheatley and James E. Mathews.

The Tellers of the Electoral College beg leave to report the following Ministers and Laymen as Alternate Delegates to the Convention to be held in Montgomery, Ala., in May next:

Ministers—David Wilson, D. W. Bates, J. T. Murray, John R. Nichols, D. A. Shermer, D. Bowers, W. Ward, H. C. Cushing and T. D. Valiant.

Laymen—Gen. George Vickers, Dr. Joshua Wilson, L. J. Cox, Jr., E. C. Thomas, Dr. J. W. Herring, P. B. Hopper, William Bond, Thomas H. Leonard and Henry Swoope.

[Signed]

F. J. BARTLETT,
C. T. COCHEL,
WILLIAM ARNOLD,
MICHAEL BAUGHMAN,
WM. D. LITZINGER.

Resolved, That the Delegates elected to the Convention be allowed, in the event of not being able to attend, to select whoever they may choose from among the Alternates.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That the Elders of this Conference who may be Superintendents of circuits, stations, or missions adjoining the circuits, stations or missions within the Maryland District, which may be placed under the superintendency of deacons or licentiates, be and they are hereby requested by this Conference to visit the charges of said deacons or licentiates and administer the ordinance of the Lord's Supper at least once a year, at the convenience of said elders.

JAMES T. LASSELL,
JOHN ROBERTS.

Conference then adjourned with solemn religious services conducted by the President.

H. C. CUSHING, *Secretary*.

WM. W. REESE, }
M. E. HYSORE, } *Assistants.*

REPORT ON SUPERANNUATED CLAIMANTS.

The Committee on Superannuated Claimants report as follows: That

Eli Henkle be allowed.....	\$460 00
Sister Hamilton.....	250 00
Sister Boyd.....	250 00
T. M. Wilson.....	530 00
Mrs. John S. Reese.....	265 00
Sister Varden.....	265 00
Sister Kesley.....	200 00
Sister Raleigh.....	200 00
Sister Collins.....	250 00
Sister Schull.....	200 00
*Sister Maddux.....	
Sister Roby.....	450 00
Mrs. W. T. Wright.....	250 00
Mrs. F. G. Wright.....	275 00
Sister Greenway.....	450 00
Sister T. C. Ewell.....	230 00
Mrs. Isaac Webster.....	250 00
J. A. McFaden.....	650 00
Christian Eversole.....	650 00
H. J. Day.....	300 00
Mrs. James F. Whiteside.....	450 00
T. M. Bryan.....	400 00
John Morgan.....	550 00

P. LIGHT WILSON,
R. S. NORRIS,
D. A. SHERMER,
JOHN T. DODD,
WM. TURPIN.

REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S SALARY.

Kent.....	\$60 00	E. Baltimore.....	40 00
Queen Anne's.....	65 00	Ninth St., Washington.....	35 00
Finksburg.....	35 00	Newtown.....	60 00
Belair.....	55 00	Talbot.....	85 00
Susquehanna.....	30 00	Snow Hill.....	30 00
Pipe Creek.....	85 00	Dorchester.....	35 00
Georgetown.....	85 00	Cumberland.....	25 00
E. Washington.....	20 00	Newark.....	40 00
Anne Arundel.....	35 00	Sussex.....	25 00
Alexandria.....	40 00	New Market.....	40 00
Concord.....	15 00	Broadway Mission.....	45 00
Caroline.....	40 00	Delaware Mission.....	35 00
Choptank.....	25 00	Potomac.....	15 00

* Deceased.

Kent Island.....	\$25 00	Chesapeake.....	\$30 00
Lexington Street.....	40 00	Harper's Ferry.....	10 00
Starr Church.....	40 00	Warwick.....	45 00
Williamsport and Berkley.....	15 00	Jefferson.....	45 00
Severn.....	20 00	Laurel.....	35 00
Tiaskin.....	10 00	Salisbury.....	25 00
Millsborough.....	10 00	Frederick.....	55 00
West Washington.....	10 00	Salem, Pa.....	25 00
Harmony.....	20 00	S. Baltimore.....	25 00
Cecil.....	35 00	Washington, St.....	40 00
Howard.....	50 00	Baltimore Circuit.....	30 00
Clarksessville.....	20 00	Frederick Mission.....	20 00
Cambridge.....	20 00	Liberty.....	65 00
W. Baltimore.....	70 00	Worcester.....	30 00
Bedford.....	35 00		

J. K. NICHOLS.

SUPERANNUATED FUND STEWARD'S REPORT.

STATIONS.			
Alexandria.....	\$ 2 51	New Market.....	\$ 15 64
West Baltimore.....	22 00	Pipe Creek.....	18 86
East Baltimore.....	19 00	Prince William.....	
South Baltimore.....	2 75	Queen Anne.....	35 50
Washington St., Baltimore....	6 83	Snow Hill.....	4 30
Starr Church.....	11 12	Severn.....	16 00
Georgetown, D. C.....	52 04	Sussex.....	5 77
Ninth St., Washington.....	11 36	Salisbury.....	5 50
Salem, Pa.....	10 00	Susquehannah, for Invest'nt..	20 00
		Do. for Distrib'n..	15 00
CIRCUITS.		Talbot.....	29 64
Anne Arundel.....	5 00	Union, Md.....	3 91
Belair.....	26 00	Union, Pa.....	4 00
Baltimore.....	5 00	Warwick.....	16 00
West Baltimore.....	8 25	Worcester.....	4 64
Bedford.....	1 50		
Caroline.....	4 82	MISSIONS.	
Cecil.....	8 50	Broadway, Baltimore.....	5 00
Cambridge.....	3 93	Cumberland.....	4 00
Carlisle, no report.		Choptank.....	2 40
Concord.....	1 00	Delaware.....	5 00
Chesapeake.....	13 66	East Washington.....	6 63
Dorchester.....	5 00	Frederick Avenue.....	3 21
Frederick.....	12 84	Harper's Ferry.....	4 06
Harmony.....	4 00	Kent Island.....	5 00
Howard.....	8 64	Potomac.....	5 00
Jefferson Ct. and Frederick		Tiaskin, no report.	
Mission.....	18 00	Williamsport and Berkeley...	5 00
Lexington Street.....	10 00	Total amount from the Dis-	
Montgomery, no report.		trict for distribution.....	\$ 551 75
Millsborough, no report.		Cash from Secretary of Fund.	79 58
Newark.....	10 00	In hands of Dr. Zollickoffler	
Kent, for Investment.....	110 00	for distribution.....	3,014 59
Liberty.....	16 00		
Newtown.....	22 00		\$3,645 83

CLAIMANTS.

	Amount of Claim.	Amount Paid.
Eli Henkle.....	\$ 460 00	\$ 277 53
Thomas M. Wilson.....	530 00	319 77
Joseph A. McFaden.....	650 00	392 16
Christian Eversole.....	650 00	392 16
H J. Day.....	400 00	241 34
Mrs. Boyd.....	200 00	120 67
Mrs. Reese.....	265 00	159 88
Mrs. Kesley.....	200 00	120 67
Mrs. Varden.....	100 00	60 34
Mrs. Raleigh.....	200 00	120 67
Mrs. Collins.....	195 00	117 65
Mrs. Schull.....	180 00	108 60
Mrs. Roby.....	465 00	280 52
Mrs. W. T. Wright.....	160 00	96 53
Mrs. F. G. Wright.....	320 00	193 06
Mrs. Greenaway.....	540 00	325 80
Mrs. Ewell.....	230 00	Amount asked for 50 00
Mrs. Hamilton.....	200 00	120 67
Mrs. Webster.....	245 00	147 81

\$6,190 00

\$3,645 83

Per cent. 60 $\frac{1}{2}$.J. EARLE MALOY, *Steward.*

REPORT OF MISSIONARY FUND STEWARD.

STATIONS.			
East Baltimore.....	\$6 50	Kent.....	134 00
West Baltimore.....	102 50	Liberty... ..	19 42
South Baltimore*.....	33 10	Newtown.....	45 25
Washington Street.....	7 97	New Market.....	15 00
Starr Church.....	7 21	Pipe Creek.....	57 33
Georgetown.....	567 84	Queen Anne's.....	118 00
Ninth Street, Washington.....	3 75	Snowhill.....	9 00
Alexandria.....	4 70	Severn.....	12 00
Salem, Pa.....	80 00	Sussex.....	8 35
CIRCUITS.		Salisbury.....	4 68
Anne Arundel.....	10 00	Susquehanna.....	5 00
Belair.....	45 00	Talbot.....	14 76
Baltimore.....	8 00	Union, Md.....	15 63
West Baltimore.....	18 50	Union, Pa.....	3 00
Bedford.....	7 00	Warwick.....	40 00
Caroline.....	7 97	Worcester.....	10 36
Cecil.....	9 25	MISSIONS.	
Cambridge.....	6 88	Broadway.....	26 00
Carlisle.....		Cumberland.....	5 35
Concord.....	75	Choptank.....	5 25
Chesapeake.....	6 88	Delaware.....	7 00
Dorchester.....	10 00	East Washington.....	38 35
Frederick.....	25 87	Frederick Avenue.....	18 10
Harmony.....	5 00	Harper's Ferry.....	4 00
Howard.....	16 58	Kent Island.....	7 90
Jefferson and Frederick.....	50 50	Lexington Street.....	12 50
		Montgomery.....	

* \$30 of this pay S. S.

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Millsboro'.....		Amount of Legacy of Mrs.	
Newark.....	16 50	Jane Waters.....	117 17
Potomac.....	5 00	Conference annual subscrip'n..	49 50
Tiaskin.....		Missionary meeting.....	783 50
Williamsport and Berkeley...	6 00	Basket collection.....	23 15
Amount of loan, less discount			
\$21 50.....	1,000 00		\$4,005 20
Amount of Legacy of J. Wid-			
ney, Pa.....	369 84		

MISSIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Frederick to be paid by Jefferson Bene-		Choptank.....	300 00
volent Society.		Frederick Avenue.....	200 00
Broadway.....	\$800 00	Harper's Ferry.....	150 00
Lexington Street.....	800 00	East Washington.....	200 00
Newark.....	200 00		
Delaware.....	200 00		\$3,150 00
Potomac.....	300 00		

Leaving in the hands of the Missionary Treasurer, \$855 20.

C. H. LITTLETON, *Steward.*

THE CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPORT.

	Conference Collections	Salary allowed.	Amount Paid.	Rec'd from other sour.	Deficiency.	Dividend.
East Baltimore Station.....	\$29 14	\$1,224 00	\$1,224 00			
West Baltimore ..	32 86	1,500 00	1,500 00			
South Baltimore ..	3 60	800 00	800 00			
Washington Street Station.....	4 80	1,300 00	1,300 00			
Starr Church ..	6 25	1,300 00				
Georgetown, D. C., ..	23 32	1,308 00	1,308 00			
Ninth St., Washington ..	5 08	950 00	950 00			
Alexandria ..	5 13	600 00	600 00			
Salem, Philadelphia, ..	3 00	850 50	850 00	25 00		
Anne Arundel Circuit.....	5 00	780 00	780 00			
Belair ..	20 00	900 00	900 00			
Baltimore ..	3 00	800 00	725 00		75 00	15 71
West Baltimore ..	7 00	900 00	669 00		231 00	48 40
Bedford ..	5 00	700 00	421 00	15 00	264 00	55 21
Caroline ..	6 20	925 00	410 80	25 00	489 20	102 48
Cecil ..	3 00	600 00	495 00	No	claim.	
Cambridge ..	2 00	500 00				
Carlisle ..	No re-	port.				
Concord ..	1 50					
Chesapeake ..	3 00	500 00	500 00			
Dorchester ..	3 50	665 00	665 00			
Frederick ..	8 70	800 00	800 00			
Harmony ..	3 00	500 00	325 00	25 00	150 00	31 43
Howard ..	4 30	900 00	Satisfied			
Jefferson Circuit and Frederick Mission.....	10 10	800 00	800 00			
Kent Circuit.....	19 45	1,000 00	1,175 00			
Liberty Circuit.....	5 60	800 00	800 00			
Newtown ..	10 60	900 00	900 00			
New Market Circuit.....	14 08	800 00	750 00	Satis-	fied.	
Pipe Creek ..	No col.	800 00	800 00			

	Conference Collections	Salary al- lowed.	Amount Paid.	Rec'd from other sour.	Deficiency	Dividend.
Prince William	No re- port.					
Queen Anne's	20 58	1,290 00	1,290 00			
Snowhill	1 70	380 00	350 00		30 00	6 28
Severn	1 60	300 00	300 00			
Sussex	6 20	450 00	270 00	30 00	150 00	31 43
Salisbury	2 48	650 00	634 00	No	claim.	
Susquehanna	No col.	600 00	600 00			
Talbot	16 55	1,200 00	1,200 00			
Union, Maryland, Circuit.....	2 75	615 00	624 00			
Union, Pa.,	1 50	450 00	180 00	35 00	235 00	49 30
Warwick	7 00	650 00	650 00			
Worcester	4 20	200 00	225 00			
Broadway Mission.....	6 00	1,100 00				
Cumberland	2 70	200 00	200 00	25 00		
Choptank	No col.	675 00		50 00		
Delaware	No col.	1,000 00				
East Washington Mission.....	4 20	700 00				
Frederick Avenue	4 00	500 00				
Harper's Ferry	2 87					
Kent Island	1 33	450 00	450 00			
Lexington Street	5 68	550 00	550 00			
Montgomery	No re- port.					
Millsborough	No re- port.					
Newark, N. J.,	9 00					
Potomac	2 33	545 00	500 00			
Tiaskin	No col.					
Williamsport and Berkeley Mission.....	No re- port.					
District.....					48 11	10 07
Total.....	\$350 31				\$1,072 31	\$350 31

S. A. HOBLITZELL,

Conference Steward.

Per centage 20 95-100.

N. B.—Some of the ministers reported the estimated rent of parsonage this year as so much salary, which accounts for the large increase of salary on the face of this report in some cases.

H. C. CUSHING, Secretary.

DEFICIENCIES—PRESIDENT'S SALARY.

Howard Street.....	\$10 00
Pipe Creek.....	15 31
Carlisle.....	18 80
Caroline	4 00
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	\$48 11

STATISTICS.

STATIONS, CIRCUITS AND MIS- SIONS.	Members.	Probationers.	Ministers.	Preachers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Col'd Members.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	NAMES OF MINISTERS AND PREACHERS UNSTA- TIONED.
Alexandria Station.....	91	.....	.....	.....	1	1	\$10,000	1	1	12	50	200	
West Baltimore Station.....	167	10	2	.....	1	1	16,000	.....	1	17	125	200	L. J. Cox, Sr., H. F. Zollickoffer, M. D., Ministers.
East Baltimore ".....	220	5	2	.....	1	1	18,000	.....	1	23	150	400	Thomas Richardson, H. T. Gernhardt, Preachers.
South Baltimore ".....	161	42	2	.....	1	1	9,800	.....	1	20	85	450	J. C. Meredith, W. Johnson, Preachers.
Washington St., Baltimore, Station....	172	42	.....	.....	1	.....	9,000	.....	1	23	193	375	
Starr Church, ".....	109	79	1	.....	1	1	30,000	.....	1	30	257	600	W. F. Livingston, Minister.
Georgetown, D. C., Station.....	225	94	1	.....	1	1	21,000	.....	1	29	369	1,000	P. H. Sweet, Minister.
9th St., Washington, ".....	100	.....	3	.....	1	1	35,000	.....	1	13	80	500	U. Ward, W. C. Lipscomb, O. Cox, Ministers.
Salem, Philadelphia, ".....	108	21	.....	.....	1	.....	3,000	.....	1	24	160	700	
Anne Arundel Circuit.....	185	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,000	.....	4	24	185	550	
Baltimore ".....	230	50	3	.....	.....	.....	7,000	.....	8	60	400	700	T. H. Robinson, J. Baughman, S. B. Foster, Preachers.
Finksburg or West Balt. Circuit.....	200	20	2	7 1/2	.....	.....	5,500	.....	8	70	350	800	Jacob Holmes, J. M. Henkle, Ministers.
Bedford Circuit.....	150	9	1	.....	4	1	4,500	.....	5	45	250	700	John Growden, Minister.
Belair ".....	312	54	1	.....	7	1	14,000	.....	6	60	300	1,100	A. G. Greenfield, Minister.
Cambridge Circuit.....	90	5	.....	.....	3	.....	2,000	1	2	15	120	450	[niel, J. Irvin, Preachers.
Caroline ".....	220	52	3	2	5	1	7,000	.....	2	30	200	600	R. H. Merican, R. Chambers, J. Smith, Ministers; J. Birch-
Cecil ".....	200	45	1	1	5	1	7,000	.....	5	35	200	800	G. Moor, Minister; J. W. Price, Preacher.
Chesapeake ".....	77	14	.....	.....	2	.....	4,500	.....	2	19	103	375	
Coneord ".....	50	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dorchester ".....	230	9	1	.....	5	.....	9,000	.....	3	20	75	100	T. Burton, Minister.
Frederick ".....	394	42	2	6	1	8	8,500	.....	7	50	350	600	Jackson Day, C. Purdum, Preachers.
Harmony ".....	175	7	1	1	3	.....	2,500	.....	3	12	120	300	E. S. Grant, Minister; G. H. Rindley, Preacher.
Howard ".....	240	15	4	1	8	1	11,500	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	Dr. J. H. Owings, S. M. Waters, H. Linthicum, T. McCor-
Jefferson Ct. and Frederick Mission..	132	.....	.....	.....	4	1	9,600	.....	5	54	240	525	[miek, Ministers; R. Vansant, Preacher.
Kent Circuit.....	341	27	.....	.....	3	1	16,000	.....	3	60	500	1,800	
Liberty ".....	300	.....	1	.....	4	1	10,000	2	4	40	150	700	W. H. Todd, Minister.
New Market Circuit.....	370	54	.....	.....	6	1	6,000	.....	8	88	550	1,400	
Newtown ".....	481	25	2	1	8	1	15,000	.....	8	154	330	928	W. Dale, J. W. Penuel, Ministers; H. Magrath, Preacher.
Pipe Creek ".....	305	25	1	1	4	1	12,000	.....	4	52	370	1,160	W. A. Crouse, Preacher.
Queen Anne's ".....	198	21	.....	1	4	1	9,750	.....	3	30	120	1,240	Dr. W. J. Sudler, Preacher.
Salisbury ".....	141	10	1	1	3	1	4,100	.....	3	41	225	470	J. S. Adkinson, Minister; C. W. Dennis, Preacher.
Snowhill ".....	150	30	.....	.....	4	.....	4,000	.....	4	35	200	900	
Sussex ".....	128	6	.....	.....	5	1	6,800	.....	3	17	113	600	
Susquehanna ".....	100	10	1	1	3,500	3	40	160	450	
Talbot ".....	180	6	6	1	12,800	4	54	230	2,000	

STATISTICS.--CONCLUDED.

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ANNUAL MINUTES.

STATIONS, CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.	Members.	Probationers.	Ministers.	Preachers.	Churches.	Parsonages.	Value of Church Property.	Col'd Members.	Sabbath Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	NAMES OF MINISTERS AND PREACHERS UNSTATIONED.
Union, Maryland, Circuit.....	195	31	...	1	5	...	2,000	...	1	8	40	300	Thomas H. Burgess, Preacher.
Union, Pennsylvania, Circuit.....	61	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	W. D. Hamilton, W. T. Ridel, Ministers; G. Fritz, Preacher.
Warwick Circuit.....	112	...	1	4	1	...	7,700	...	3	25	150	750	W. Taylor, Preacher.
Worcester ".....	208	20	1	...	6	...	6,000	...	5	33	250	600	R. H. Powell, Minister.
Broadway Mission.....	160	40	1	...	1	...	14,000	...	1	20	200	400	John Davis, Minister.
Cumberland ".....	59	6	...	1	1	...	5,000	...	1	21	115	700	
Delaware ".....	277	64	...	...	5	...	9,000	...	5	50	255	550	
East Washington Mission.....	73	18	1	...	1	1	6,000	...	1	9	80	400	T. G. Clayton, Minister.
Frederick Avenue ".....	56	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	18	125	300	
Harper's Ferry ".....	71	29	...	...	1	1	2,300	...	...	...	...	...
Kent Island ".....	95	20	...	...	2	...	6,800	...	2	15	80	400	
Lexington Mission.....	127	24	1	...	1	...	15,000	...	1	32	224	533	Amon Richards, Minister.
Potomac ".....	60	3	...	...	1	...	900	...	4	25	100	600	
Choptank ".....	51	45	...	...	2	1	6,000	...	2	25	100	200	
Newark, N. J., ".....	183	26	1	...	1	...	25,000	...	1	42	200	450	Luke Morrison, Minister.
Williamsport and Berkeley Mission..	73	64	2	...	6	...	6,000	...	2	18	200	126	John Light, Daniel Collier, Ministers.
Montgomery Mission.....	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tiaskin ".....	55	3	...	...	1	...	600	...	...	...	...	...
Millsborough ".....	*26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
In full membership.....	8,874	1,269	34	21	167 1/2	29	471,650	4	153	1,637	9,432	29,982	
Unstationed Ministers.....	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unstationed Preachers.....	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Itinerant Ministers and Preachers...	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Probationers.....	9,009	1,269	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	10,278	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Last year.....	9,387	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Increase.....	881	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Last year's report.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES M. ELDERDICE, *Committee.*

REV. JAMES FRANCIS WHITESIDE.

It becomes our painful duty to furnish for the Conference minutes an obituary notice of our late and much lamented brother in Christ, the Rev. JAMES FRANCIS WHITESIDE, who died in full prospect of eternal life in Heaven, June 20th, 1866, in the 38th year of his age, and the seventeenth year of his Gospel ministry.

Brother Whiteside was born at Triadelphia, Montgomery county, Maryland, on the first day of July, 1828, and, according to the best information in our possession, was converted to Christ in his 17th year. He was led thus early to seek salvation by a sermon preached by Rev. William Collier, at a camp meeting, which convinced him of sin, and the necessity of an immediate espousal of the religion of Christ. He lost no time, but was soon enabled to rejoice in the possession of the pearl of great price. His rapid improvement, his devotion to the church, and the immediate development of talent for usefulness, may be inferred from the fact that his quarterly conference licensed him to preach and recommended him to the Maryland Annual Conference as a suitable person to be employed as an itinerant preacher, in the short space of four years after his conversion, and he was received by that body in the spring of 1850. This year he was appointed an assistant to Rev. Eli Henkle, on Baltimore Circuit; in 1852 with Rev. T. M. Wilson, on Union circuit. These brethren gladly bear their testimony to the acceptability and usefulness of their zealous young assistant. In 1853 he was appointed Superintendent of Trough Creek circuit, where his labors were highly appreciated and successful, and, in the language of one who knew him intimately, "he was regarded as a man of sterling worth by those who knew him both in and out of the church." He was returned to this circuit in 1854, and on the 6th of September following, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Mary H. Wright, daughter of the late Dr. Jesse Wright, of Cassville, Huntingdon county, Pa. In 1855 he was appointed to Alleghany circuit, where he labored with varied success for three years. Here he experienced many hardships, preaching three and four times on a Sabbath, so as to fill his appointments, and taught school through the week to aid in the support of his family. "Those were soul-trying times to us," writes one who knows. But these things did not discourage him; his indomitable energy and physical endurance enabled him to rise above all obstacles. In 1858 he was appointed to Cecil circuit, where he spent three pleasant and prosperous years. In 1861 he was assigned to Baltimore circuit, and served one year with his accustomed zeal and success. In 1862 he was appointed to West Baltimore circuit, having Rev. G. Weils as colleague the first year. Here he spent two years with unusual success, having extensive revivals all around the circuit. The last field of labor assigned this lamented brother by the Methodist Annual Conference, was the New Market circuit, where he spent two very pleasant and prosperous years, and had but fairly entered on the third, with higher hopes and brighter prospects for extended usefulness than either of the previous years, having raised a subscription of fifteen hundred dollars, and arranged the preliminaries of a new Methodist Protestant Church at Fawn Grove, when, by an inscrutable Providence, he was suddenly cut down in the midst of his days and in the flood-tide of his usefulness, on Wednesday afternoon, June 20th, lacking eleven days of being 38 years of age. He was only sick about thirty hours, but he suffered excruciating pain, while everything that medical skill could do was done for him. Five physicians were called to see him, and advise with one another, but their united efforts were in vain. He found no relief but in death. He died at the residence of Mr. Standiford, near Freeland's station, some thirty-five miles from Baltimore, and six or eight from his residence in Stewartstown, Pa. His colleague, Rev. Samuel T. Ferguson, reports as follows:

"He was taken suddenly ill the next day (Tuesday, June 18th) about 10 o'clock, A. M., and continued to grow worse, suffering excruciating pain. Sister Whiteside reached his sick room about 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, and did all in her power to relieve and comfort her dying husband. Fifteen minutes before his death he walked across the room, and, looking into the mirror, exclaimed: 'Can this be me! I am a doomed man; I must die!' And then,

turning to his wife, said—"Prepare for the worst: I cannot live!" After this he began to sink rapidly—he ceased to speak—motioned for pencil and paper, and wrote the following words: "God is love; He is my portion"—the last letters of *portion* being imperfect, the pencil falling from his hands, not having strength to finish the sentence. He was asked by some one if he felt clear in mind. He made the sign of the cross, touched his head and pointed heavenwards, as if to say, they that bear the cross shall wear the crown, and then passed away to the spirit land. Meanwhile, the news began to spread far and near that Rev. J. F. Whiteside was dying—is dead!—producing a sorrowing influence in every household throughout the circuit. Business was almost simultaneously suspended in the neighborhood. Crowds gathered hourly at the place of mourning to gaze upon the inanimate form of one who was universally loved and esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Tears flowed freely from the eyes of men, women and children."

His remains were taken to Stewartstown for interment, and Rev. J. R. Nichols, who preached the funeral discourse and conducted the burial services, describes the occasion as one of great interest. He says: "Seemingly the entire population of the village and surrounding country, together with the Good Templars and a large procession of horsemen and carriages, were in attendance and availed themselves of the opportunity of taking the last leave of their loved and lamented one." His remains now repose in the graveyard attached to the Methodist Protestant Church at Stewartstown, the place of his last residence.

Rev. Jas. K. Nichols says of him: "I must say I was led to esteem him very highly, as a most laborious, efficient and successful minister of our common Lord and Saviour. On my annual rounds of visitation, I always found him in his place and at his work, universally beloved by his people and really popular with the masses, both as a man and as a preacher of the Gospel. As an evidence of his efficiency, I may say he never failed to improve the condition of his work, not unfrequently lifting it right up from a state of languishing and depression into that of a vigorous and growing prosperity. Being a man of great physical strength and endurance, he performed an amount of labor that few of his brethren were capable of enduring, preaching three and often four times on the Sabbath, when the work seemed to require it. He never spared himself in this respect, but brought all his gigantic powers to the holy sacrifice, laying his almost matchless manhood *entire*—body as well as soul—on the altar of the Gospel. He was a man of good intellect and respectable attainments, of fine social qualities, full of generous and noble impulses, and thoroughly devoted to his work. As a preacher, his bearing in the pulpit was manly and impressive, his style was easy, fluent and agreeable, and, in the absence of great intellectuality, there was a certain popular element about his efforts—an earnestness and an unction—that captivated his hearers and made him a most effective and successful preacher of the Gospel. He had but just reached the zenith of his ripened manhood; and had he lived some years longer, you, and I, and the whole Conference would have known him better as I am sure he would have made himself felt and appreciated more fully among his brethren. But he has gone to his rest in the midst of his days and his usefulness."

His last colleague testifies: "He was a man of great business talent. All his plans and arrangements on the circuit received his mature consideration, and were carried into effect with the utmost system of punctuality. As a colleague, he was kind and agreeable."

We shall miss him in our annual conference gatherings, with that commanding person and affable bearing. And with heartfelt sympathy for his bereaved companion and two daughters, we extend our Christian condolence and embalm his memory in our warmest affections.

"With saints enthroned on high,
Thou dost thy Lord proclaim,
And still to God salvation cry,
Salvation to the Lamb!"

E. J. DRINKHOUSE,
R. SCOTT NORRIS,
S. T. FERGUSON,
JNO. GROWDEN,
CALEB FREEMAN,
JOS. BARNETT.